

Low Rate of Coal Production

American Metal Market.

The low rate reached by bituminous coal production may be viewed in various ways. The Geological Survey's report for the week ended December 3 shows a daily average for the week of 1,179,000 net tons, which is the lowest daily rate since last April. The curve of production showed a very slight ascent after that to the early part of June, then a very gradual decline to the end of July.

What occurred after the end of July is particularly important, on account of various views that have been taken of the recent slump in the production rate. There was a gradual ascent during August and September and then in October a sharp increase, but only for a short time. Since the end of October there has been a very sharp drop. Otherwise production in the last week reported on could not have been down to the low rate of April.

It is repeatedly asserted that the low production rate of the past few weeks has been due to stocks accumulated in anticipation of the railroad strike that was called for October 30. The point is that this explanation must not be used to explain too much. It can properly be used to explain the liquidation of stocks accumulated in October, but it cannot be taken to involve liquidation of all extra coal produced since August 1. That is, the anticipation of a railroad strike was in October, not in August, September and October. If there was accumulation in August and September, it was in anticipation of winter weather, not a strike, interfering with railroad operation.

Taking this viewpoint, it seems reasonable to assume that consumers are not liquidating stocks at this time. The figures would indicate that they have had time to liquidate such little stocks as were accumulated in anticipation of a railroad strike, but it is unreasonable to assume that if buyers accumulated stocks in August and

September in anticipation of winter they would be liquidating these stocks now, just when winter weather is just ready to begin.

One has reason to conclude that coal consumption has not materially increased of late, but that rather there is a possibility it has decreased somewhat of late. Now, what is the consumption in general and what does it mean? The common view is that coal production is at a terribly low rate. That is a matter of viewpoint, however. The total production of bituminous coal this year from January 1 through December 3 is reported at 279,178,000 tons, and assuming the same rate to obtain through the remainder of the year as in the week ended December 3 the year's production would be approximately 400,000,000 tons.

The common view seems to be that this is an extremely low rate of production. In times like these one should take a broad view. We have 400,000,000 tons—what shall we compare it? There is the record production, 579,885,820 tons in 1918. This year is off 31 per cent by that comparison, but 1918 was a decidedly exceptional year. Also let us not forget that the stocks of coal on Armistice Day were record high for all time. Let us compare the 400,000,000 tons with previous years. One finds that 1910 showed a production of 417,111,422 tons, and no previous year showed as much. Population has increased only about 17 per cent since that time, and the number of persons gainfully employed has increased only about 10 per cent, while 1910 was a very busy year all around. It is established that our work involves much more coal consumption than formerly. Are we consuming coal less efficiently or have we curtailed classes of work that do not require coal in favor of classes of work that do require coal?

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES GIFT OF WEST PENN SYSTEM

Will Pay Premiums While Employee Remains in the Service.

SCHEDULE IS GRADUATED

For Persons in Employ Less Than Year Amount Will Be \$500, Increasing to \$2,500 for Those Who Have Reached Out 20 Years.

The West Penn system provided its 2,500 employees with unusual gifts Christmas when each was presented with a life insurance policy, the sum ranging according to the length of time the employee had been in service. The lowest was for \$500 and the largest \$2,500. The amount was given for those a year in the service and the latter for 20 years or more.

The company will pay all premiums on the policies as long as the persons for whom they are written remain in its employ. If employees should leave the company they will be permitted to keep the policy by assuming the payment of premiums. A. M. Lynn, president, explained the gifts were in recognition of the hearty cooperation extended by the employees making possible the splendid companies in the system.

The amount of insurance written for employees, based on the number of years in service is explained by the following table:

For employees who have been in continuous service 1 year and less than 4 years, \$500.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 4 years and less than 5 years, \$750.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 5 years and less than 6 years, \$1,000.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 6 years and less than 7 years, \$1,250.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 7 years and less than 8 years, \$1,500.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 8 years and less than 9 years, \$1,750.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 9 years and less than 10 years, \$2,000.00.

For employees who have been in continuous service 10 years and over, \$2,500.00.

Fuel and Food Prices Will Be Investigated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Investigation of retail prices of fuel, food and other in all parts of the country is ordered today by Attorney General Daugherty. He said in many localities prices were too high and profits were "unconscionable" and every effort would be made to put all prices on the proper level.

WHI Attack Industrial Court. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Suit attempting to prove the Kansas Industrial Court Act unconstitutional and invalid will be brought shortly in Kansas, at the instance of the international headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America.

Railroads to Take Power Rails. The Pennsylvania railroad has finally put out its formal inquiry for heavy section rails for 1922 shipment, calling for only 100,000 tons instead of 150,000 tons as was expected. Other eastern roads as well as those in the Central West are also cutting down prospective rail orders.

COKE PRODUCTION

In Connellsville and Lower Connellsville Districts Compared With 1920. The estimated production of coke in net tons in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts, by weeks, with the total compared with the corresponding week of 1920, is shown in the following:

Week.	Month.	Prod.	Total.	1920.
Jan. 1.	1.	11,515	115,115	115,115
Jan. 8.	1.	14,550	129,665	129,665
Jan. 15.	1.	14,650	144,315	144,315
Jan. 22.	1.	14,980	159,295	159,295
Jan. 29.	1.	12,400	171,695	171,695
Feb. 5.	2.	15,950	187,645	187,645
Feb. 12.	2.	19,980	207,625	207,625
Feb. 19.	2.	13,910	221,535	221,535
Feb. 26.	2.	12,780	234,315	234,315
Mar. 5.	3.	15,840	250,155	250,155
Mar. 12.	3.	12,540	262,695	262,695
Mar. 19.	3.	12,720	275,415	275,415
Mar. 26.	3.	12,450	287,865	287,865
Apr. 2.	4.	14,410	302,275	302,275
Apr. 9.	4.	15,980	318,255	318,255
Apr. 16.	4.	15,260	333,515	333,515
Apr. 23.	4.	15,140	348,655	348,655
Apr. 30.	4.	12,650	361,305	361,305
May 7.	5.	12,710	374,015	374,015
May 14.	5.	12,270	386,285	386,285
May 21.	5.	12,780	399,065	399,065
May 28.	5.	12,180	411,245	411,245
June 4.	6.	12,250	423,495	423,495
June 11.	6.	11,490	434,985	434,985
June 18.	6.	12,820	447,805	447,805
June 25.	6.	11,850	459,655	459,655
July 2.	7.	11,610	471,265	471,265
July 9.	7.	8,500	479,765	479,765
July 16.	7.	11,350	491,115	491,115
July 23.	7.	11,820	502,935	502,935
July 30.	7.	11,700	514,635	514,635
Aug. 6.	8.	11,160	525,795	525,795
Aug. 13.	8.	12,120	537,915	537,915
Aug. 20.	8.	12,350	550,265	550,265
Aug. 27.	8.	12,160	562,425	562,425
Sept. 3.	9.	12,240	574,665	574,665
Sept. 10.	9.	12,170	586,835	586,835
Sept. 17.	9.	12,370	599,205	599,205
Sept. 24.	9.	12,360	611,565	611,565
Oct. 1.	10.	11,700	623,265	623,265
Oct. 8.	10.	11,300	634,565	634,565
Oct. 15.	10.	10,840	645,405	645,405
Oct. 22.	10.	10,810	656,215	656,215
Oct. 29.	10.	10,550	666,765	666,765
Nov. 5.	11.	11,100	677,865	677,865
Nov. 12.	11.	10,980	688,845	688,845
Nov. 19.	11.	10,340	699,185	699,185
Nov. 26.	11.	11,760	710,945	710,945
Dec. 3.	12.	10,970	721,915	721,915
Dec. 10.	12.	10,120	732,035	732,035
Dec. 17.	12.	10,550	742,585	742,585
Dec. 24.	12.	10,240	752,825	752,825

1920 to Date 16,531,559
1921 to Date 3,442,152
Decrease from 1920 7,151,107

MORE MILES

Of Railroad Abandoned Than Built During the Year 1920.

During 1920 only 112.11 miles of railroad were constructed as against 535.52 miles, according to a report compiled by the bureau of railway statistics. Normal conditions are estimated to require the annual installation of 3,000 new locomotives, 2,000 new passenger cars and at least 100,000 new freight cars.

During 1920, however, the report shows that only 2,022 locomotives, 1,272 passenger cars and 69,555 freight cars were built. The roads, on the other hand, retired 1,334 locomotives, 835 passenger cars and 72,042 freight cars.

DAMAGE TO EXTENT OF \$500 Caused at Plant of W. J. Rainey, Inc. A fire at the car shops of W. J. Rainey, Inc., at Mount Braddock Monday about noon resulted in a \$500 loss. The flame is supposed to have caught from a red-hot rivet, which dropped from the tongs, falling from light and igniting the waste oil beneath. There are several fire hydrants in the immediate vicinity, but lack of sufficient hose at hand allowed the fire to develop considerably.

Chemical engines were used, but not until hose was secured and the water of the Frick line turned on it did the fire yield.

Car Loadings Decrease. Loading of revenue freight during the week ended December 10 totaled 742,925 cars, a reduction of 4,638 from the previous week. The falling off, compared with the corresponding week of 1920, was 96,027 cars.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 24, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operator	Address
MERCHANT OVENS			
182	...	Beatty	Mr. Pleasant Coke Co. Greensburg
275	...	Brinkman	Brinkman Coke Co. Mr. Pleasant
150	...	Clara	Clara Coke Co. Greensburg
40	...	Clara	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co. Connellsville
40	...	Ellen No. 2	Whel Coke Co. Uniontown
100	...	Ellen No. 2	W. J. Rainey, Inc. New York
10	...	Franklin	Summit-Civil Coke Co. Connellsville
101	...	Gilmoro	Gilmoro Coke Co. Uniontown
80	...	Grass	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co. Connellsville
8	...	Helen	Samuel I. Lehr Youngwood
145	...	Humphreys	Humphreys Coal & Coke Co. Greensburg
16	...	Morgan	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co. Connellsville
275	...	Mr. Rainey, Inc.	W. J. Rainey, Inc. New York
310	...	Mr. Pleasant	Mr. Pleasant Coke Co. Greensburg
32	...	Myers	Brownfield Coal & Coke Co. Uniontown
60	...	Nelle	Nelle Coke Co. Connellsville
118	...	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co. Pittsburgh
450	...	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co. Pittsburgh
300	...	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co. Pittsburgh
80	...	Paul	W. J. Rainey, Inc. New York
400	...	Revere	W. J. Rainey, Inc. New York
40	...	Thomas	Whel Coke Co. Uniontown
57	...	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co. Pittsburgh
3,384	988		
FURNACE OVENS			
260	...	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
350	...	Baggaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
357	...	Bliner	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
240	...	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
260	...	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
201	...	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
400	...	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
400	...	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
226	...	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
200	...	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
120	...	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
242	...	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
230	...	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
110	...	Dunbar	Amer. Manganese & Ziff Co. Pittsburgh
275	...	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
280	...	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
300	...	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
255	...	Hostetter	Hostetter-Civil Coke Co. Pittsburgh
400	...	Junonia	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
305	...	Kaiser	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
450	...	Leisenring 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
602	...	Leisenring 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
202	...	Leisenring 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
204	...	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
227	...	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
350	...	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
400	...	Lemont No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
399	...	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
196	...	Marian	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
258	...	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
400	...	Philips	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
443	...	Radstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
418	...	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
425	...	Southwest 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
150	...	Southwest 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
294	...	Southwest 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
901	...	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
80	...	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co. Pittsburgh
464	...	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
352	...	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
322	...	Whitney	Hostetter-Civil Coke Co. Pittsburgh
260	...	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
500	...	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
245	...	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co. Pittsburgh
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Answer to Last Week's Question

The King was Hiero of Syracuse, Greece, and the Mathematician was Archimedes who shouted "Eureka, Eureka," "I have found it, I have found it"—which is the same as users of fire brick during the past 49 years say when after a long search for the best fire brick for their purpose they try "Eureka Fire Brick."

Court of Appeals Holds "Check-Off" System Is Legal

The United States Circuit Court of appeals last week handed down an opinion in the Borderland Coal company case in which two defendants had appealed from the injunction issued by Federal Judge Anderson, at Indianapolis, restricting collection of miners' dues through the check-off.

The court remanded the case to the lower court with instructions to re-examine it in accordance with its opinion, finding that the lower court committed substantial errors in exercising its judicial discretion in the following particulars:

(1) In not confining the grant of relief to applicants; (2) in not finding the prohibition of the unionization or attempted unionization of appellee's mine to be the threatened direct and immediate interfering act shown by the bill and affidavits; (3) in not limiting the prohibition of the sending of money into West Virginia to the use thereof in aiding or promoting the interference with or promoting the interference with the performance of the existing check-off contracts in the central competitive field.

Concerning the nature of the contract under the "check-off" system was operated the court says: "So far as the contracts themselves

and this record disclose, the check-off is the voluntary assignment by the employee of so much of his wages as may be his duty to meet his union dues and his direction to his employer to pay the amount to the treasurer of his union. In that aspect the contract provision is legal; and quite evidently there are many lawful purposes for which dues may be used. If in truth the bargaining with respect to the contract was not free if either the employee or the employer put the other under duress, the injured party might have cause to seek cancellation."

Over 23,000,000 Tons Soft Coal Handled At Lake Ports 1919

Final reports indicate that the total quantity of bituminous coal handled at Lake ports in the season of 1919 was 23,171,148 net tons. Three-quarters of a million tons were used for vessel fuel. The cargo shipments totaled 22,412,380 tons, almost exactly the same figure as that for 1920. Comparison with 1918 the present season has shown a slight increase. It was, however, nearly 6,000,000 tons below 1918.

The season of 1921 has resembled 1919 in many respects but it is more than in the past the season of coal shipped up the Lakes. The ton-

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Yough Sand and Stone Company

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Miner Compensated For Disfigurement Of Face by Accident

The first person to receive workman's compensation for facial disfigurement under the 1921 act, amending the compensation act, is Promotional Coalminer.

An empty mine car ran over him, marring his scalp and tearing off his right ear. He will be paid \$12 a week.

To Investigate Fuel Prices. Retail prices of coal come within the scope of an investigation ordered by Attorney General Daugherty. Information relative to retail prices of food, clothing and fuel, with comparisons with who else prices, will be gathered by William J. Burns, head of the bureau of investigation.

ARMY GAS MASK IS NOT PROOF AGAINST ALL GASES IN MINES

Was Designed for Use in Open Air, Not in Closely Confined Places.

GIVES FALSE SECURITY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Warning that the army gas mask, while capable of giving protection against deadly gases met on the battle field, does not protect against all the gases or atmospheres encountered in mines, in the industries and in fire-fighting is given by the United States Bureau of Mines.

The dangers from gas that city firemen face and the need of standard methods of protection against them have been pointed out. The need of a knowledge of such gases on the part of city firemen has been especially emphasized by over-confidence in the capacity of the army type of gas mask to protect the wearer against industrial gases, an assurance that has probably arisen because soldiers were taught that the United States army gas mask would protect them against all the gases they might encounter. This statement, true for the battle field but not true for all industrial gases, including products of combustion, has been brought back by soldiers and spread generally among workers. Furthermore, city firemen and mine operators have been circumspect with letters and advertisements of army gas masks offered for sale by certain persons who made unreserved statements, probably through ignorance, that the masks would protect wearers in mines and burning buildings. The falsity of these statements was evident to the Bureau of Mines, which took steps immediately to notify the public that army gas masks had serious limitations, especially when used in fire fighting or in any place where unusually heavy amounts of poisonous gas are present. This warning has been verified by the actual experiences of some city firemen who have used the army masks. On the other hand the excellent qualities of the masks have also been demonstrated at fires.

Whether or not firemen should adopt the army gas mask for general use has been much discussed. Theoretically it would seem that the half-hour oxygen breathing apparatus, which keeps out all gases and supplies oxygen, would be much safer than the masks for fire-fighting. But practical experience shows that firemen, as a rule, do not favor oxygen-breathing apparatus. To them it seems cumbersome and uncertain in action. The combination of oxygen cylinder, breathing bag, regulator canister, valve and pressure gauge appears too complicated for the rough and ready work of fire fighting. Although such apparatus has been on the market for a number of years, it is seldom put into practical use, even when on hand, at fires. Firemen prefer to take their chances unencumbered, or at most simply to tie a wet handkerchief or towel over the nose and mouth to keep out some of the smoke.

Therefore the utility of the gas mask must be considered from the practical point of view rather than the theoretical. A review of the many reports of tests in experiment fires by city fire departments shows that firemen are favorably impressed with the simplicity of the gas mask and will wear it; that in the great majority of these tests it protected the eyes and throat from irritating smoke and was a great improvement on sponge respirators and wet cloths; that the mask did not encumber the wearer or retard his effectiveness in fire fighting; that no special training was required in learning how to use the mask; that in comparison with the oxygen-breathing apparatus very little attention is required to keep the gas mask in good condition.

These experiments by fire departments corroborate the experiments of the Chemical Warfare Service and of the Bureau of Mines in proving conclusively that the army gas mask, when fitted with a canister containing carbon filter pads, activated charcoal, and soda lime, effectively filters irritating smoke particles, and, in addition, protects against most chemical gases in the concentrations likely to be met in fires.

However, in using the army mask the following serious limitations must be kept in mind: It furnishes no oxygen; hence it should not be worn into a place where a safety lamp or a fireman's self-igniting lantern will not burn; it should not be used where there is reason to suspect carbon monoxide as in smoldering fires in basements and other confined, unventilated spaces, and especially in confined places where broken illuminating gas pipes add carbon monoxide to the air; it offers very poor protection against ammonia; finally, the army mask may break down in unusually high concentrations of poisonous gases. It was originally designed for outdoor use, where the poisonous gases are considerably diluted with air. Caution must be used, therefore, in going into rooms where the concentration of the accumulated gas may be great enough to pass through the mask.

Perhaps the most serious limitation of the army mask for fire fighting is its inability to protect against ammonia and carbon monoxide. Although special ammonia canisters are now available, commercially, and carbon monoxide canisters soon will be available, the fire fighter does not know in advance what gas or combination of gases he may find. Many buildings contain ammonia refrigerating plants, and all cities outside the natural gas belt are piped for artificial gas containing carbon monoxide. The fireman, therefore, must have, in a single mask, protection against all these gases. Enough progress has been made by chemists working under the direction of the Bureau of Mines and subsequently in the Chemical

Warfare Service, in the development of an absorbent for carbon monoxide to raise the hope that a combination canister for a fireman's mask, which will protect against smoke, ammonia, carbon monoxide, and practically all chemical fumes, will soon be commercially available. When this is accomplished, a fireman can be protected in any atmosphere where a safety lamp will burn.

The ordinary army gas mask can not protect the wearer from poisonous gases in a burning mine. As a result of the experience of its engineers the Bureau of Mines recommends the use of self-contained oxygen-breathing apparatus by men doing rescue work in mines. If such apparatus are not available, it is preferable to enter the mine without breathing apparatus rather than to trust to the other types of breathing appliances. The army gas mask would give the wearer in the mine a false sense of security by removing distasteful fumes from the air breathed and allowing the carbon monoxide to pass through unnoticed. The smoke and gases from fires in mines serve to warn the workers of the presence of dangerous gas.

British Mines Use More Machinery in Coal Production

An increased use of mechanical appliances in British coal mining is disclosed by the official report of the chief inspector of mines which has just been issued for the year 1920. Less than six per cent of the coal mined in British pits in 1910 was obtained by coal cutting machines, while in 1920 the quantity thus obtained amounted to 13.2 per cent of the total production.

Comparative figures from the official reports indicate that in 1910 the tonnage cut by machinery was 15,747,658 tons; in 1920 that tonnage was almost doubled. In 1918 878 mines using 4,041 machines mined 28,196,488 tons of coal. In 1920 780 mines using 5,073 machines produced 30,746,274 tons.

The use of electricity at British coal mines, for all purposes, continues to expand. In 1918 the horsepower of motors installed was 965,367. In 1920 the horsepower was 1,080,822, a gain in two years of approximately 12 per cent. Three-fifths of the total, in 1920, was employed below ground mainly in electric drive pumps and haulage. Electric winding absorbs about one-eighth of the horsepower of surface motors. Of the total number of mechanical coal cutters in use three-sevenths are electrically driven.

Nearly 500,000 Men On Strike at Mines During Year 1919

A compilation by the United States Geological Survey of strikes in anthracite and bituminous coal mines shows that in 1919, 446,486 men were on strike during which they lost 15,603,667 working days, or an average of 35 days per man.

The number of men rendered idle during 1919 exceeded all previous years, but the strikes being of shorter average duration the number of days lost was less than in 1910 when 215,493 men lost 19,250,524 days, or an average of 88 per man. Also less than in 1906 when 272,343 strikers lost 19,201,348, or an average of 63 days each. In 1902, 200,462 men lost 16,673,217 days, or an average of 83 each.

In 1919 the bituminous mines of Pennsylvania had 57,089 and the anthracite mines 35,169 workers on strike. The former lost 2,765,144 working days, an average of 39 days per man, and the latter 235,533 days, or an average of seven days per man.

The next highest record was made by Illinois where 81,600 strikers lost 3,558,094 days, or 44 per man. West Virginia contributed 43,062 men to the idle list who lost 1,158,094 days, or an average of 24 per man.

Twenty Shopmen To Be Laid Off At Dickerson Run

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 22.—Twenty men at the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie car shops will be laid off for one week, beginning December 21 and running to January 3. The lay-off is caused by a slump in business and a cutting down of the shop monthly appropriation.

NO GAIN

In Export of Coal but Coastwise Shipments Show an Increase.

An increase in tonnage handled at Hampton Roads piers during the week ended December 17 was due to recovery in coastwise shipments rather than to any revival of the export trade. The total quantity dumped is reported at 294,540 net tons, an increase of 35 per cent.

Cargo coal consigned to New England ports rose from 134,476 to 197,705 tons. Exports were reported to be 39,595 tons, barely equal to the daily rate in the year 1920.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD Will Use 150,000 Tons of Steel Rails in Track Renewals in 1922.

The Pennsylvania railroad is planning to use 150,000 tons of steel rails in track renewals during 1922. For the current year between 150,000 and 160,000 tons were used, the largest quantity used since 1916, when 175,012 tons were laid.

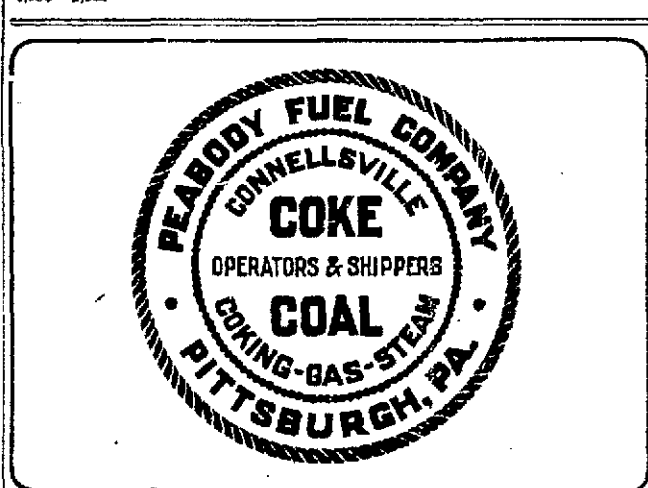
Largest Furnace to Go in Blast. The Trumbull Steel company of Cleveland on January 15 will light its new 600-ton blast furnace erected jointly by itself and Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company. The stack is said to be the largest and most modern in America. It was built at a cost of \$3,250,000.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 24, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operator	Address
MERCHANT OVENS.			
40	Adah	Weston & Fayette Coke Co.	Greensburg
235	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
300	Allison No. 2	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
142	American 1	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
240	American 2	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
40	Antia	The Wilkey & Feather C. Co.	Uniontown
28	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	Champion	Champion Coke Co.	Uniontown
267	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
113	Crystal	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
236	Deabo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	Donald No. 1	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	Donald No. 2	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
132	Elleanor	Stern Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
119	Garwood	Antia-Cville Coke Co.	Connellsville
88	Genuine	Genuine Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	Griffin No. 1	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
125	Griffin No. 2	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	Harbert	Cville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
194	Hill Top	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
18	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
135	Hustead	Hustead-Semans C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
100	Hoia Coal & Coke Co.	Hoia Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
800	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Uniontown
20	Liberty	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
34	Liberty	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Smithfield
400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
40	Little Gem	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Low Phos	Cville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
84	Luxerna	Luxerna Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64	Marion	Southern Cville Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	McKee	Uniontown	Uniontown
100	McKee	W. J. Marshall	Uniontown
100	Puritan 1 & 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	Puritan No. 3	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
78	Puritan No. 4	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
120	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
276	Royal	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
45	Russell	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & C. Co.	Smithfield
28	Sapper	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
278	Seabright	Payette Coke Co.	Uniontown
250	Seabright	Payette Coke Co.	Uniontown
210	Seabright	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	Sunshine	McClellandtown C. & C. Co.	McClellandtown
40	Thompson 1	Thompson Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
208	Tower Hill 1	Eastern Coke Co.	Pittsburg
294	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	Virgle	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
124	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
26	Yukon	Wayne Coke Co.	Uniontown

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operator	Address
FURNACE OVENS.			
400	Allida	Pittsburg Steel Co.	Allida, Fay. Co.
100	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	Brill Hill	Brill Hill Coke Co.	Brill Hill
488	Burkington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	Fairbank	Stratton Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
400	Fordale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
202	Geneva	McKeesport Coal Co.	Lectonia, Ohio
200	Labella	Labella Coke Co.	Labella
462	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	Lockport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
244	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
480	Orient	Eastern Coke Corporation	Uniontown
400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
350	Roscoe	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	Thompson 2	Hodotone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg



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FURNACEMEN SLOW RENEWING CONTRACTS.

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While the demand is not large it is sufficient to take gas slack out of the category of being a drug on the market. A certain amount is made in filling contracts for greened coal and this slack has to be sold at whatever it will bring. Three weeks ago it was bringing \$1.60 with difficulty, while 10 days ago \$1.70 was being obtained for fair grades. In the past few days as high as \$1.85 has been paid.

The pig iron market is as dull as ever. Sales of Bessemer or basic are very rare, while in foundry iron there is scarcely anything done except in carload lots. It is now more than three months since there was anything like an active market. In pig iron, but the turn of the year is likely to bring increased activity on the part of consumers, who have been holding off to hold down their inventories. In the past fortnight there has been a little buying of foundry iron, January delivery, being specified. There is no incentive for idle furnaces to blow in as the furnaces now operating are not shipping as much iron as they make. The market is quotable as follows:

Bessemer	\$1.00
Basic	\$1.00
Foundry	\$1.25
Malleable	\$1.50

These prices are for C. & V. Valley furnaces, freight to Pittsburgh being \$1.95. The last reported sale of Valley basic was at \$1.25, but this was a special lot, sold by a steel works' interest, not a merchant furnace.

Bell Workmen Shifting Pole at Brimstone Corner

A gang of Bell telephone company linemen this morning began work on the removal of the big pole at Brimstone corner. The pole will be moved south on Pittsburg street a distance of about 12 feet. This will allow a greater space for traffic turning south from Crawford avenue and will eliminate much danger to pedestrians and motorists alike.

The pole which will take the place of the one on the corner will not be quite so large. It will be strong enough, however, to serve as a guy pole, the only purpose for which the present one is used.

FEELINGHYSEN BILLS To Be Discussed But Not Pressed to a Vote at This Time.

Senator Feelinghyesen has given notice that he expects to address the Senate in the near future on his coal-fact-finding bill.

It is not probable that he will endeavor to bring the bill before the Senate for discussion, but it is thought unlikely that he will attempt to press it to a final vote at this time.

Identification Tags for Workers.

The State Industrial Board has recommended that identification tags be worn by workers in hazardous industries.

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MOTORISTS ARE VICTIMS OF NEW KIND OF TRAP

Farmers Reap Harvest Pulling Them Out of Mudhole Near Somerset.

PROF. SIMONTON DEAD

Former Instructor in Languages at W. & J. 92 Years Old.

WASHINGTON, Pa. Dec. 28.—Prof. James E. Simonton, professor emeritus of French language and literature in Washington & Jefferson college, died early today at his home here, aged 92 years.

Dr. Simonton became a member of the faculty in 1889 and retired in 1900, but had since taken an active interest in college and municipal affairs.

STEEL MERGER

May Also Include Properties of Large Limestone and Cement Company.

The Bessemer Limestone & Cement company, operating a plant with a capacity of 1,200,000 barrels annually, and having a limestone reserve of more than 60,000,000 tons from which it supplies blast furnace flux, agricultural limestone and road stone, is mentioned as a possibility for the proposed independent steel merger. The company's product is largely used in iron and steel operations.

VALUABLE GIFT

Made in University of West Va. and Morgantown by Dr. L. C. White.

A gift estimated by geologists to produce a total revenue to exceed \$500,000 has been made to West Virginia University and the city of Morgantown by Dr. L. C. White, state geologist.

It consists of 1,000 acres of coal land in Marion county. The revenue to be divided equally between the university and the city.

Slayer, Pursued By Constable, Kills Himself

Pursued by a constable, who held a warrant for his arrest for the murder of Emory Bokot at Newacolin, Greene county, Sunday night Mike Doncha blew out his brains at Riens Landing Monday night.

Doncha learned the officer had a photograph of the slayer and started to run. The constable raced after him but before he had caught up with the fugitive the latter stopped, drew a revolver from his pocket and placed it against his head.

Doncha and a rival for the hand of Mary Spick arrived at the Bokot home at the same time Sunday and when Bokot attempted to prevent trouble between them Doncha, shot him three times in the heart and then escaped.

To Import American Coal.

An association of Belgian coal dealers and importers was recently formed at Ghent for the purpose of importing English and American coal.

Want Larger Coal Consumption.

Iowa miners have appealed to their congressmen to try to do something to induce Iowa to burn more coal mined in that state.

May Absorb Allegheny Steel.

The absorption by General Electric company of the Allegheny Steel company at Brackenridge, Pa., is reported as a possibility.

Foreigners Buy P. R. R. Stock.

Foreign investors in November increased their holdings of Pennsylvania railroad stock by approximately \$7,500,000.

C. & O. Orders Freight Cars.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has placed an order with the Pressed Steel Car company for 500 freight cars.

State Lays Down Rules as To High School Facilities in East Huntingdon Township

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 22.—Relative to the inadequate high school facilities in East Huntingdon township and the agitation for a new and modern high school building to replace the antiquated one at Alverton the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg has made the following rulings:

That the district must either maintain its own high school complete, or unite with an adjoining district in building and maintaining a senior high school and maintain its own junior high school.

The department will not approve additions to the old building nor allow a new building erected on present site. Four acres are required.

If the township sends the students to an adjoining district both the tuition and transportation

must be paid.

Surrounding districts have a legal right to refuse to accept and provide room for students. (Surrounding districts can not make room for their students without providing new buildings.)

If a new building is erected and equipped, the department will allow the district to use the old high school building for certain kinds of junior high school class work, thereby relieving the district of the financial expense of providing extra room to relieve present overcrowded schools in the grade schools.

The proposition is not a matter of choice with the local district but a necessity to furnish adequate accommodations for high school work for boys and girls of the district and meet the requirements of the department.

MRS. JOHN D'SAULLES IS ENGAGED TO MARRY CHILEAN ENGINEER

late Husband, Whom She Shot to Death, Was Well Known in Fayette County.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. John L. DeSaules, heiress to one of the great estates in Chile, who killed her husband, one-time Yale football star and cousin of former Mayor McClellan, is engaged to marry Fernando Sabin Cruz, engineer, a native of Chile, where Mrs. DeSaules has been living.

Mrs. DeSaules before her marriage was Blanca Estrada Vergara. She met Jack DeSaules in 1910 in Chile. She was 17 years old. The wedding, arranged in great haste, took place in Paris, December 14, 1911.

DeSaules brought his young wife to America. A son was born. It was because he refused to give up the boy after they had been divorced that Mrs. DeSaules shot and killed DeSaules in 1917. She was freed on the ground that at the time of the shooting she was irresponsible.

The DeSaules case aroused much interest throughout Fayette county. John DeSaules had at one time been located at Dunbar where his father, the late Major A. B. DeSaules, was manager of the former Dunbar Furnace company's plant.

Mrs. McDonough Dies Suddenly at Dinner Table

Mrs. Katharine McDonough, 58 years old, of Brookvale, wife of Martin McDonough, died suddenly Thursday noon at 12:10 o'clock, while eating her dinner. Mrs. McDonough had just sat down to her dinner when her head suddenly dropped between her shoulders and she died. A doctor was summoned from next door but she was dead when he arrived. Mrs. McDonough was a native of Ireland, coming to this country a number of years ago. She is survived by her husband, one brother, John Malley; three sons, William, at home and John and Patrick at Republic; four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Smith and Mrs. H. M. Ludy of Connelville, and Bridget and Elizabeth at home.

SLAYER'S PARDON SOUGHT

Colonel Thompson Intercedes at Request of Members of Company C. HARRISBURG, Dec. 22.—The part he is alleged to have taken in maintaining order in the Western penitentiary during the riots and fire there last spring was presented as one of the reasons for consideration by the State Board of Pardons of the application of Frank Argonne, convicted of second degree murder in Jefferson county in 1915. The plea was made by Colonel Joseph H. Thompson, state commander of the American Legion, who said that he was presenting the case at the request of many Italian boys who were members of Company C, 110th Infantry, which he commanded during the World War.

Colonel Thompson said that about 30 per cent of the company were Somerset county Italian friends of Argonne, and that 50 per cent of the company had been killed in action. He said Argonne wanted to join the regiment but the call to arms came before an application for pardon could be argued before the board.

ISRAEL VOGEL LAWYER

Former Local Young Man Opens Office in New York.

Announcements have been received here of the entry into general law practice in New York of Israel Vogel, a former local boy. He began his practice on December 1.

Vogel graduated from the Connelville high school with the class of 1915 and continued his studies in the law school of the New York University. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilley Vogel of South Street.

NEW TRI-STATE MANAGER

S. C. Whipple Succeeds to Place Vacated by J. A. List.

S. Clyde Whipple, formerly president of the Industrial Mill & Mine Supply company, has been named manager of the Connelville district of the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph company. He succeeds James List, who resigned to take up other work.

Mr. Whipple has been on his new job since December 15, getting acquainted. Mr. List will leave at once for his home in Philadelphia to spend the holidays.

E. R. BEECHLY FALLS DEAD AT HIS WORK

E. Rutherford Beechly, 46 years old, warehouse foreman and clerk at the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie freight house on the West Side for the past nine or 10 years, dropped dead on Thursday morning while at work, of apoplexy. He arose this morning apparently in good health, ate a hearty breakfast and was in the best of spirits when he left for his work.

Mr. Beechly was born in Preston county, West Virginia, a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Beechly, and had resided in Connelville since entering the service of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Cobee Beechly, who resides on a farm at Brandonville, W. Va., and three sons, Mr. Ida Rhodenhaver and Miss three brothers, Lloyd, Oak and Jos. A. Beechly, both of Brandonville, and Mrs. Ann Sissler of Friendsville. In 1917, Mrs. Beechly was a member of the Church of Brethren of Connelville and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Frank Horner, Bellview Youth, Dies Suddenly

While at work at the barn at his home at Bellview, Bullskin township, on Tuesday, Frank Horner, 21 years old, son of Mrs. Rose Horner and the late Thomas Horner, collapsed without preliminary warning and died instantly. An older brother, Joseph, was with him at the time, about 5:30 o'clock. The young man was in the best of health, apparently, and had eaten a hearty breakfast. He was inclined to be stout and a physician who was summoned said death might have been the result of heart trouble or a stroke.

The young man was employed on the farm and at the time of his sudden death was about to cut fodder for the stock at the barn. Mr. Horner was born at Jimtown but had lived at Bellview ever since he was an infant. Four brothers and five sisters survive. They are: John Horner, Edward Horner and Mrs. Roy O'Donnell, Connelville; Mrs. F. D. Nicholson, Detroit, Mich.; and Emma, Clara, Lena, Joseph and Thomas Horner, at home.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Gibson Firemen Elect Officers For Next Year

The South Connelville fire department has elected the following officers for the next year: President, J. L. Edenbo; vice-president, M. L. Urbach; chief, Walter Artzmann; assistant, W. G. Keller; treasurer, I. T. Robinson; financial secretary, W. B. Helms; recording secretary, Joseph Hill; captain, D. F. Ferguson; lieutenant, W. B. Helms; trustee for three years, M. R. Urbach; trustee for one year, C. E. Pinkerton. R. W. DeBoit and M. R. Urbach were elected delegates to the annual convention of the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's association. J. L. Edenbo and M. R. Urbach were elected truck drivers.

ON VISIT IN PHILIPPINES

William P. Collins Spending Vacation in Province of Zamboles. William P. Collins, son of John F. Collins of East Crawford avenue, and a first-class engineer on the U. S. S. Talbot, is enjoying a vacation at Olango province of Zamboles, Philippine Islands, according to letters received here.

Mr. Collins enlisted in the Navy in February, 1919, and since then has spent most of his time in foreign countries.

John Buellman. SOMERSET, Dec. 20.—Miss Margaret Aiken Lohr, daughter of Emanuel J. Lohr of Pittsburgh, and John F. Buellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buellman, of Somerset, were married on Thursday morning in the Lutheran church of Pittsburgh by Rev. R. W. Woods. They were attended by Miss Nellie Durr of Pittsburgh and Paul Barr of Somerset. They will be at home to their friends after December 22 on Ankeny avenue Somerset.

Stork of Ohio

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burnworth of Ohioville on Wednesday morning. The family now consists of three sons and one daughter.

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ARGONNE HERO ATTEMPTS LIFE OLD SWEETHEART

Fred Steff Fires Two Shots Into Miss Anna Eject at Mount Pleasant.

BULLET NEAR HIS HEART

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 22.—Miss Anna Eject, 23 years old, a maid at the home of the Misses Warden in Church street, is at the Memorial hospital with two bullet wounds, one of which is believed to be dangerous, while in another room is Fred Steff, 27 years old, once a sweetheart of the girl, but now married, with a bullet in his chest, near the heart, the wound inflicted by himself after he had shot the girl.

The shooting took place at 9:45 o'clock last evening in Church street, near the United Presbyterian church. No motive has been learned, the girl saying she knows of none and Steff refusing to talk.

The girl had been down town shopping and was returning home. A few minutes before the shooting Steff had been in a pool room in Main street, above Church street. The presumption is that he followed the girl out Church street.

Three shots were fired. One struck the girl in the neck inflicting a severe wound, the other passed through her right arm between the elbow and shoulder. Seemingly Steff aimed at the heart. After shooting the girl and himself Steff staggered across the street and while leaning against a telephone pole "broke" the revolver, whether with the purpose of reloading or not is unknown. Two shells remained. In the man's pocket were found a number of others.

Rev. James J. Springer, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, was in his home by the church at the time and heard the shots. He was one of the first to reach the scene. He summoned help and assisted in the removal of the two to the hospital.

The girl, whose name is at Standard Street, was employed as a maid in the home of the Misses Warden and her brother, John, and had been down street shopping with her sister, who is a maid in the E. E. Zuck home in the Bank apartments. Annie had left her sister at the corner of Church and Walnut streets. It is said no words were exchanged. A number of persons were on the street at the time.

Steff is a son of Mrs. Anna Steff of Diamond street. He served as a sergeant in Company E, 110th Infantry, in the World War and distinguished himself for his bravery in the Argonne.

At the hospital Steff refused to give any reason why he shot the girl but admitted doing it. It was said that Steff had been staying in Ohio for some time, only recently returning, and that while there he had been married. He was before he left town a member of the Company E football team and a good athlete.

The girl said that a long time ago Steff had paid attention to her but not for some time and that she had lost track of him.

Steff used a .32 caliber army revolver, which was recovered and has been turned over to the police. He was better known by his nickname of "Zodak" Steff.

Almost 100,000 Join Methodist Church in Year

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Memberships in the Methodist Episcopal church increased 95,404 during the year ending December 1, 1921, according to statistics compiled and announced today by Dr. O. S. Baketel, editor of the Methodist year book. This increase was in communications of the church, not adherents.

The membership is 3,938,555 in the United States and 542,987 in foreign lands. Benevolent enterprises of the church during the year received \$19,472,423.87. There are 40,198 churches and parsonages, 34,500 ministers and local preachers. The average yearly salary of the Methodist preacher in this country is \$1,576.

Christmas Savings Club Pays \$71,000 To 2,500 Members

The 2,500 persons who were depositors in the Christmas Savings club at the Young Trust company yesterday received checks aggregating \$71,000 which will enable them to make ample provisions for the visit of Santa Claus. The club was started a year ago, the accounts having matured at the end of 50 weeks.

BIG GASSER

Brought in on the Guseman Farm in Menallen Township.

A gas well, estimated to have a flow of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 feet, was brought in Thursday morning on the Guseman farm in Menallen township.

Gas was struck under the drill had penetrated five feet into the Gantz sand. The well, which is one of a number to be drilled in that district, is owned by Morris Feldstein and associates of Uniontown.

Robbers Get 50 Cents.

Peter Caratti, a local shoemaker, reported to the police last night that he had been held up and robbed by two masked men at his window lane shop. They secured 50 cents he said, having given his wife a large sum of money, a short time before the men entered his place.

85 WHITE LEGHORNS RAISED ON CITY LOT BRING \$1,000 CASH

Possibilities of poultry raising on a city lot have been demonstrated by Dr. L. M. Harrington of McKees Rocks, a former Fayette county, who recently sold a flock of 85 white Leghorns for exhibition purposes to a fancier from Lincoln, Mo., for \$1,000. The purchaser came to McKeesport personally for them. Dr. Harrington, now a practitioner of medicine, was at one time superintendent of the schools of Fayette county.

TOYS FOR LITTLE FOLKS ON TREE AT DUNBAR FURNACE

American Manganese Workers Devote much Time to Manufacture of Supply.

PROGRAM IS RENDERED

A community Christmas celebration under the auspices of the American Manganese Manufacturing company of Dunbar was held at the parish house, above the furnace, last night. Hundreds of guests were present and all the children's hearts were gladdened with gifts.

It was the first time that such an event had taken place under the supervision of the manufacturing company. The idea originated with E. M. Marshall, general manager, about six weeks ago and he submitted it to the men of the plant. Since that time a number of the employees had been putting in extra time in the evenings making toys to be given the children.

Rev. L. R. W. had charge of the opening exercises and Rev. O. W. Bolton delivered the benediction. Rev. H. S. Hardin offered prayer. The principal address of the evening was made by Rev. E. A. Hodell of Uniontown. He spoke on "Community Spirit." Choirs of the various churches sang.

Seven hundred boxes of candy were given away and several crates of oranges were given to the youngsters, who were also plentifully supplied with popcorn.

A big Christmas tree was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Funds for the event were secured through donations by officials of the plant and merchants of Dunbar.

Two hundred kiddy kars, wagons and other substantial toys for the children were given to those who might otherwise have none on Christmas. They were made by the men who donated their services.

The event was in charge of a committee composed of Frank Shaffer, L. E. Ehrman, John Greaves and Charlie Hiles.

A. R. Skomp, Manual Training Supervisor At High School, Quits

A. R. Skomp, manual training instructor at the Connelville high school, has tendered his resignation, to become effective as soon as the school board secures his successor. The election of a new instructor will probably take place at the January meeting.

Mr. Skomp gave up his duties at the high school because of the pressure of business. He is a partner in the Palmer-Skomp Paint & Glass company and will devote all his time to the work.

The retiring instructor has been in charge of the manual training and drafting departments of the institution for almost four years, this being his fourth year. He came here following the resignation of A. O. Stone. Because of his business Mr. Skomp will continue his residence in this city.

Critzer Held by Coroner on Charge Of Manslaughter

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Claude Critzer, a railroad worker, was held on a charge of manslaughter by a coroner's jury yesterday for the death of Leroy H. Morris, 35 years old, of Connelville, an instructor at the Allegheny vocational school for disabled soldiers, who was found in West park, North Side, December 21 suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen. Paul Vlar, Critzer's roommate, who was also being held in connection with the shooting, was exonerated by the jury.

While in an intoxicated condition, Critzer, according to the police, fired at random while walking through the park, the bullet striking Morris. The detectives stated that in their investigation they were unable to find any malicious intent in Critzer's act in firing the revolver.

Ford Refused Permission to Cut Freight Rate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's attempt to reduce freight rates on coal 20 per cent along the line of the railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton was disallowed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission based its action on the grounds that the reduction would constitute discrimination against other mining territory, the coal product of which is sold in Toledo, Detroit and other cities along the Ford line.

Advertisements in The Weekly Courier. If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

SHULMAN STORE LOOTED OF GOODS VALUED AT \$400

Footprints Indicate Two Men and Boy Were Perpetrators of Crime.

THEY WORK LEISURELY

Robbers Thursday night made a haul at the store of A. Shulman in North Pittsburgh street, securing goods valued at about \$400. Three suitcases full of various articles of clothing were taken, the cash register was broken and the rear door somewhat damaged.

The job had the marks of having been worked by two men and a boy. Footprints in the rear of the shop plainly showed the mark of a heel from a boy's shoe.

Entrance was gained through the back door. This was heavily barred but after two of them had been broken away a small person, evidently a boy, got through and lifted away a iron slab.

The robbers took plenty of time in selecting their loot. When Mr. Shulman opened the store this morning the floor was littered with goods. Nothing was secured in the cash register.

Between 15 and 20 dozen pairs of silk socks, were taken, together with three dozen silk shirts, one or two dozen pairs of trousers, a dozen caps, two dozen neckties, a quantity of handkerchiefs and three gloves. A silk waist, purchased as a Christmas gift by a young woman employed at the store, was also taken. None of the suits, left at the establishment to be cleaned or pressed were missing.

From the manner in which hats and caps were scattered over the floor the robbers must have selected the color and size desired.

The robbery took place early this morning, police believe, because of the footprints in the earth back of the shop. Before that time the covered ground.

WANT WILD HORSES KILLED

Settlers in State of Washington Offer "Bounty" to "Hunt Who Are Inclined to It."

Youths who like adventure and heaps of excitement are advised to try hunting wild horses in the Okanogan hills near the Canadian border of Washington. There are several thousand untamable cayuses in this unruly region of steep hills and deep valleys, against which settlers on agricultural land have begun a war of extermination.

The wild steeds are troublesome, demolishing fences to eat and trample barbed wire. The animals endow domesticated mares, and often large herds of horse chase cows and sheep to death. Once domesticated horses are included with these wild ones they quickly become outlaws.

Before the present plan of shooting was adopted by ranchers, they tried corralling and shipping the captured steeds to Eastern horse markets. The expense and danger of catching alive was found above possible profits. These wild broncos are vicious, and often rather than submit to capture, dash their brains out by running pell-mell into rocky ledges.

One expedition during a month of wild horse stalking shot 120 animals. Only the skulls proved to be excellent specimens, one brown and sorrel barbed, 1,200 pounds weight. The mares seldom average more than 800 pounds.

Where these horses range is a faulty, bad-land region between the Cascade and Rocky mountains; a natural grass country, arid in summer, but the winters are mild, with light snowfall.

HAD THE LAUGH ON LANDLORD

Browns, Forced to Employ Ruse, Surely Justified Under the Circumstances Confronting Them.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown could not get a house. "Well," said Mrs. Brown (she was always the one who decided), "we'll have to live in an apartment."

The next day they struck it lucky. A furnished house was offered them, as the owner was called away to another part of the country on business. They had practically signed an agreement for twelve months, when by a slip of the tongue their children were mentioned.

"Children?" snarled the landlord. "Nothing doing!"

And he brutally pushed Mr. and Mrs. Brown out of the house.

The next day they had a suppler piece of luck. Another house had its owner deserting it for twelve months, and they were offered it for that period.

"Any children?" asked the landlord. "No," faltered the Browns.

And the landlord walked away, apparently satisfied. But he was back the next day, when the Browns officially "moved in" accompanied by a little old man with long gray hair and beard and a little old woman with gray hair, bowset and shawl.

Satisfied that there were no children the landlord withdrew.

Inside the house it was only the work of a minute for Mrs. Brown to remove the gray wig, bonnet, shawl, etc., from little Willie and Alice Brown.

Heated. "That sailor over there somehow reminds me of an old hen hovering a bunch of chickens."

"I suppose you naturally mean the one brooding over there by the companionway?"

"Oh, yes, I mean the one sitting on the hatch,"—Judge.

Robin Feasts On Strawberries At Indian Creek

Philip Emigh, chief engineer for the Mountain Water Supply company at Indian Creek, has a box of ever-bearing strawberries in which there are still a few berries ripening. This morning Mr. Emigh espied a robin sitting about among the plants feasting on the berries.

Blood-Poisoning From Scratch Kills Scottsdale Mill Man

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 24.—Blood-poisoning resulted in the death of Ralph Hubbs, 33 years old, well-known Scottsdale man, and veteran of the World War, Friday morning at 3 o'clock in the Allegheny General hospital, Pittsburgh. Mr. Hubbs was employed in the Scottsdale mills and about three weeks ago while working about the machinery of the mill he scratched his right hand. Infection followed and two weeks ago he was removed to the hospital, where blood-poisoning developed.

Mr. Hubbs is survived by his father, W. C. Hubbs of Baltimore, one sister, Mrs. J. M. Cramer of Youngwood and one brother, Clay Hubbs of Catawba, N. C.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

No Hope for Recovery of Mount Pleasant Shooting Victims.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 24.—The condition of Anna Yezer and Fred Steff, victims of the double shooting on Wednesday, was the same today. There is no hope for the life of either.

Expense Borne Jointly.

Instead of the \$1500 alone the freight and baggage charges on coal which Long Run is donating for the needy of the community will be paid by the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Elks jointly. It was announced today.

MICKIE SAYS

IF YA GOT MORE MONEY THAN YA KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH, GIVE IT TO THE SALVATION ARMY! DON'T DONATE IT TO THE SLACKERS WHO WANT TO PUT YER "AD" IN A "POCKET DIRECTORY" OR ON A ROADSIDE SIGN WHERE IT WILL NEVER BE SEEN!



Not Everything to Be Expected. "Congratulations me, Jim, I am engaged to Betty Flynn."

"I'm awfully sorry, old man, but I can't conscientiously do it. I'm engaged to Betty myself."

Both Arms Broken.

Mrs. J. E. Evans of Vanderbilt is confined to her home with two broken arms, suffered when she fell down a pair of stairs at her home on Wednesday.

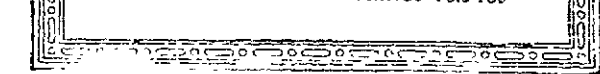


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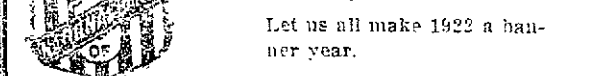


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a part in Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and was among the Four-Minute speakers during the numerous war-time campaigns. Three of his sons, Herbert F., Paul and Vincent,

Donora Merchant Slain.
DONORA, Dec. 24.—George Tula, 45, a Donora merchant, was shot and killed shortly after midnight by two unidentified negroes.

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she had roomed for the past months.
Decensed was born in Fayette
Scotland, Town of Erwin, July
1833, a daughter of Michael and
guerite Craige McFayden. She e
to America in 1852 and had been

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